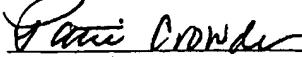


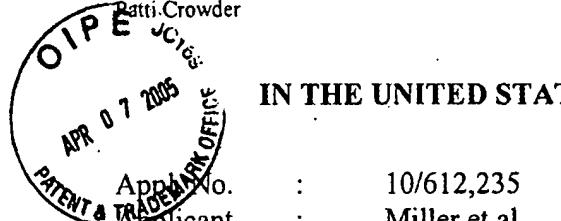
**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

Ref. No.: 12439-0048

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on April 4, 2005 in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Ratti Crowder

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant No. : 10/612,235 Confirmation No. 4853  
Applicant : Miller et al.  
Filed : July 1, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 2829  
Examiner : Minh N. Tang  
  
Docket No. : P180-US

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

OK to  
Enter  
5/19/05

Sir:

Following the Notice of Allowance of January 4, 2005, the period for response to which ends after April 4, 2005, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended under 37 CFR § 1.116 as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.